(d) whether there is a proposal to divest such holdings to generate funds for new investments; and

(e) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) ICICI Securities and Finance Company Limited has reported that it does not hold any equity shares of ITC Ltd.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

**Assessment of Wealth Tax**

*392. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of wealth tax assessments during the last three years;

(b) how many cases are pending for disposal;

(c) what is being done to streamline wealth tax assessments; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent wealth tax avoidance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) No of wealth tax assessments made and pending for disposal in the last three years are as under:

Provisional figures in thousands

| Financial Year | Assessments disposed | Pending for disposal |
|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 687 | 321 |
| 1992-93 | 658 | 342 |
| 1993-94 | 435 | 376 |

(c) A new scheme of leavy of wealth tax has been adopted from the assessment year 1993-94 and its levy has been restricted to only some unproductive assets. Rules for valuation of various assets have also been made part of the wealth tax Act to facilitate making of wealth tax assessments. Besic exemption limit for wealth tax has also been raised to Rs. 5 lacs.

(d) Appropriate steps as permissible by law are taken in cases where any evasion or avoidance of wealth tax is noticed.

**मध्य प्रदेश में सिरौंज और बुधनी में दूरदर्शन के ट्रांसमीटर**

*393. श्री राघवजी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा जिले के सिरौंज और सिहोर जिले के बुधनी मे दूरदर्शन के प्रस्तावित ट्रांसमीटर वास्तव में स्थापित कर दिये गये हैं और उन्होंने कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) इन ट्रांसमीटरों के कब तक कार्य आरम्भ करने की संभावना है ?